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SUBJECT: GOSL REACTION TO TOURE VISIT TO MONROVIA

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1. FIRST SECRETARY FEMI ANTHONY OF THE SIERRA LEONE
EMBASSY TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 17 THAT
SHE HAD BEEN QUERIED BY FREETOWN CONCERNING THE PURPOSE
OF SEKOU TOURE'S VISIT TO MONROVIA. SHE SAID SHE
ASSUMED IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH TOLBERT'S
CONCILIATION EFFORTS IN WEST AFRICA, PERHAPS INVOLVING
SPECIFICALLY SENEGAL. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR COMMENTED
THAT ONE OF TOLBERT'S FOREIGN POLICY THEMES WAS THE
PROMOTION OF BETTER RELATIONS AMONG STATES IN WEST
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AFRICA AND THAT HE ALSO ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS INVOLVED.

2. ANTHONY SAID THAT THE GOSL FOUND IT STRANGE THAT
TOURE WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING DEDICATION OF THE NEWLY
CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE LINKING GUINEA AND SIERRA LEONE
FEBRUARY 17 (16?), AND LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT GOSL
WAS NOT PLEASED AT TOURE'S GIVING PRIORITY TO RELATIONS

WITH THE GOL. SHE ADDED THAT HER AMBASSADOR ATTENDED
THE CEREMONIES AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
WELCOMING TOURE (REFTEL B) BUT TO HER SURPRISE FAILED
TO ATTEND THE BUFFET DINNER FOR TOURE THAT EVENING CLAIMING HE WAS
"TOO TIRED". HE NEITHER SENT HIS REGRETS TO THE GOL FOREIGN
MINISTRY NOR ASKED MS. ANTHONY TO REPRESENT HIM.

3. COMMENT: ANTHONY, A POPULAR AND ACCOMPLISHED
DIPLOMAT, HAS LOW REGARD FOR THE ABILITIES OF
AMBASSADOR JAH.
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